

Rebalancing Workgroup MFP and BIP  
MDH L-3 12noon-2pm  
October 3, 2017

Introductions: In Person and Phone

**Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Updates**

**I. BIP Updates (Rebecca Oliver)**

- A. BIP officially ended on September 30, 2017.
- B. BIP staff is currently in the process of completing invoicing and federal reporting
- C. BIP funding was used for Brain Injury consultant to work with providers. The BI consultant provided training and created a report for Maryland Department of Health to improve the Brain Injury waiver.
- D. BIP funding was used to conduct the DDA public outreach meetings in regards to the Community Pathways waiver and conferences for family members and consumers
- E. BIP is in the process of awarding Hospital to Home Grants for FY18. Two new jurisdictions received grant awards this year: Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City. In addition, two of the most successful programs were visited in Garrett and Baltimore County.

**II. Waiver Registry Screen (Ernest Le)**

- A. The waiver registry currently stands at 23,000
- B. Between the Schaefer Center and MAP, 11,500 have been screened
- C. Q1 of the FY18 just ended and we are waiting on a report from the Schaefer Center. This report allows us to deactivate individuals who were found to be deceased, no longer interested in services, moved out of the state, or could not be contacted even after six attempts. The Waiver Registry will be significantly when we have that report. More updated numbers will be available at the next MFP meeting.
- D. MFP and the Community Integrations Program are working with the Vital Statistics Administration to match the Waiver Registry against MDH's death records. This is still in the early planning stages and we will have more information to give to you at the next update.

**Money Follows the Person (MFP) Updates**

**I. MFP Updates/ Transitions (Jennifer Miles)**

- A. Staffing:
  - 1. Medical Care Program Specialist II (Housing Specialist)
    - a. A candidate has received a commitment letter and is scheduled to start on October 11, 2017.
  - 2. Medical Care Program Supervisor (Housing and Compliance Director)

- a. Khadija Ali accepted her new role on September 13, 2017.
- 3. Health Policy Analyst I (Behavioral Health Specialist)
  - a. MFP is currently going through the list of candidates and scheduling
- B. Transitions
  - 1. Since the beginning of the program in 2008, MFP has transitioned a total of 2,881 (as of October 2, 2017)
  - 2. Benchmark for CY2017 (January-December 2017) is 341 transitions, In order to reach the 85% threshold; we have to transition 290 individuals by December 31, 2017.
  - 3. Provided spreadsheet of 2016 vs. 2017 transitions

## II. Housing Updates (Rebecca Raggio)

- A. MDH Activities
  - i. Khadija Ali started as the new MFP Housing and Compliance Director on September 13, 2017.
  - ii. Rebecca and Khadija are providing technical assistance to supports planners assisting individuals referred to the MFP Bridge Subsidy program and Section 811 PRA.
- B. Maryland Partnership for Affordable Housing (MPAH)
  - i. The Advisory Group (made up of representatives from MDH, DHCD, MDOD, DDA, BHA, and the CIL network) continues to meet regularly to discuss development and implementation of housing programs such as Weinberg Units, 811 PRA, and MFP Bridge.
  - ii. The Case Management Subcommittee continues to meet quarterly in-person to provide housing program updates. **Next meeting: 10/12/17 1:30-3:30 pm at The Coordinating Center, 8531 Veterans Hwy, Millersville, MD 21108.**
- C. HUD Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration
  - i. Maryland received two funding awards from HUD for Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Demonstration to provide project-based rental assistance to people with disabilities who are low-income, Medicaid recipients between the ages of 18 and under 62 at time of lease signing.
    - 1. Identified projects:
      - a. Anne Arundel County
        - i. Berger Square- 8 units – **Leased**
        - ii. Towne Courts- 6 units
      - b. Baltimore City-
        - i. Warwick Apartments- 12 units, Under construction
        - ii. Riviera Apartments- 5 units, Under construction
        - iii. Walbrook Mill- 10 units
      - c. Baltimore County-
        - i. Red Run Station- 11 units
        - ii. Preserve at Red Run- 13 units- Under construction
        - iii. Merritt Station- 11 units- Under construction
      - d. Calvert County- Calvert Hills East- 9 units
      - e. Frederick City

- i. Sinclair Way- 11 units- **Leased**
  - ii. 520 N. Market St.- 5 units – Under construction.
- f. Harford County
  - i. Riverwoods at Tollgate- 13 units- **Leased**
  - ii. Rock Spring Station- 9 units
- g. Montgomery County
  - i. Woodfield Commons- 13 units
  - ii. Scotland Townhomes- 5 units
- h. Prince George's County
  - i. Bladensburg Commons- 15 units- **Leased**
  - ii. Brinkley Hill- 5 units- Under construction  
**anticipated leasing November 2017.**
  - iii. Parkview Manor- 6 units
- i. Queen Anne's County
  - i. Willows at Centerville- 5 units
  - ii. Village at Slippery Hill- 5 units
- j. St. Mary's County- Patuxent Crossing- 5 units
- k. Talbot County - Galloway Meadows- 4 units- Under construction.
- l. Washington County- Hopewell Station- 5 units
- m. Wicomico County- Homes at Johnson Pond- 4 units- Under construction.

#### D. Weinberg Apartments

- i. Brinkley Hill in Prince George's County -3 units- Under construction.  
**Anticipated leasing November 2017.**
- ii. Heritage Overlook in Anne Arundel County- 3 units- Under construction.
- iii. Preserve at Red Run in Baltimore County- 2 units- Under construction.
- iv. Woodfield Commons in Montgomery County- 2 units- Under construction.

#### E. MFP Bridge Subsidy

- i. MFP Bridge Subsidy will be offered throughout Maryland for MFP eligible individuals transitioning from qualified institutions or individuals in the Brain Injury Waiver who are transitioning from ALUs. Eligible applicants must be 18 and older with a maximum household income of \$19,000.
- ii. The Bridge Subsidy will be tenant-based, similar to the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program. The Bridge Subsidy will provide rental assistance for up to 3 years. Individuals will transition to HCVs after that period with the exception of Montgomery County, which will offer project-based units. Individuals will pay 30% of their income for rent and utilities.
  - 1. The program is open in Carroll County (5 commitments), Prince George's County (5 commitments), DHCD (18 commitments, Western MD and Eastern Shore), Baltimore City (15

commitments), Harford County (5 commitments), Anne Arundel County (7 commitments), Hagerstown (5 commitments), and St. Mary's County (5 commitments), and Easton (5 commitments), Howard County (5 commitments), Baltimore County (10 commitments), and Montgomery County (10 project-based units)

2. **Subsidies are still available for following jurisdictions, referrals are needed: DHCD (Western MD and Eastern Shore), Hagerstown, Harford County, Howard County, St. Mary's County, and Easton.**

### **III. Older Adult Behavioral Health PASRR Specialist (Stefani O'dea)**

1. Provided brochure and introduction (see attachments)

### **IV. Hilltop Presentation (Ian Stockwell)**

1. Slides are attached (see attachments)
2. There seemed to be consensus that a deeper analysis of the acuity mix of MFP transitions vs other transitions vs the general NF population
3. BHA expressed interest in splitting out behavioral health dollar
4. A split between ALF and non-ALF was requested
5. Jurisdictional breakouts were requested
6. CIL requested testing the effects of peer outreach/mentoring

### **V. Discussion: Transition of MFP Activities (Jennifer Miles) (Due to technical difficulties, we were unable to have this discussion during this meeting. We will begin the next meeting with this discussion.)**

1. Peer Outreach:
  - i. Establishes relationships with nursing facility residents and staff, as well as family and resident council
  - ii. Be an on-going presence in the facilities in order to share personal experiences with community living, provide support to individuals and their guardians throughout the decision-making and transition process, and describe how the basic process of transitioning works
2. Options Counseling:
  - i. Is an in person educational meeting to inform the person (and any family or other reps, at their request) of available community programs
  - ii. The 19 local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and the local Centers for Independent Living (CILs) provide options counseling to nursing facility residents that indicate an interest in community living
3. Housing Efforts:
  - i. Partnerships/Collaborations with Public Housing Authorities
  - ii. Working with Housing Finance Agency (Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development) to make sure housing is located in communities that are suitable for the disabled population

*The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 6, 2017** from 12-2 in room L-3.*